

House Bill 385

By: Representative Jamieson of the 28<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to provide for the termination of the State Board of Cosmetology; to repeal Chapter 10 of said title, relating to cosmetologists; to amend Code Section 31-5A-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to transfer of personnel to the Department of Community Health, so as to provide for the transfer to such department of certain inspectors; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended by striking in its entirety Chapter 10, relating to cosmetologists, and inserting in its place a new Chapter 10 to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 10

Reserved."

**SECTION 2.**

Code Section 31-5A-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to transfer of personnel to the Department of Community Health, is amended by adding a new subsection at the end thereof to be designated subsection (g), to read as follows:

"(g) All persons employed as inspectors by the State Board of Cosmetology on June 30, 2005, shall, on July 1, 2005, become employees of the department within such division as may be specified by the commissioner. Such employees shall be subject to the employment practices and policies of the department on and after July 1, 2005, but the compensation and benefits of such transferred employees shall not be reduced as a result of such transfer. Employees who are subject to the rules of the State Personnel Board and thereby under the

1 State Merit System of Personnel Administration and who are transferred to the department  
2 shall retain all existing rights under the State Merit System of Personnel Administration.  
3 Retirement rights of such transferred employees existing under the Employees' Retirement  
4 System of Georgia or other public retirement systems on June 30, 2005, shall not be  
5 impaired or interrupted by the transfer of such employees and membership in any such  
6 retirement system shall continue in the same status possessed by the transferred employees  
7 on June 30, 2005. Accrued annual and sick leave possessed by said employees on June 30,  
8 2005, shall be retained by said employees as employees of the department."

9 **SECTION 3.**

10 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2005.

11 **SECTION 4.**

12 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.